Amendments to the Claims

An electrical or electronic data carrier or document 1. (Currently Amended) carrier (100) designed for communication, in particular for the contactless transmission and/or for the contactless exchange of data and/or of energy, with at least one base station or central station, in particular with at least one read/write station, having at least one first area or at least one first page (12), in particular a front area or front page, at least one second area or at least one second page (16), in particular back area or back page, as well as at least one connection axis (14) provided between the first area or first page (12) and the second area or second page (16), around which the first area or first page (12) and the second area or second page (16) can be folded apart from or towards one another between a first position (A) defined as an unfolded or opened state and a second position (B) defined as a folded or closed state, at least one electrical or electronic circuit (10), as well as at least one coupling element (40a, 40b) that is conductively connected (20) to the circuit (10), for coupling the data carrier or document carrier (100) to the base station or central station, wherein the coupling element (40a, 40b) is partially embedded or integrated into the first area or into the first page (12) and is partially embedded or integrated into the second area or into the second page (16), and is designed such that the data carrier or document carrier (100) can be coupled to the base station or central station essentially only in the first position (A) or essentially only in the second position (B) or essentially only in a position between the first position (A) and the second position (B), characterized in that the coupling element (40a, 40b) is designed as at least one capacitive element, for example as at least one capacitor.

2. (Currently Amended) A data carrier or document carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the coupling element is designed as at least one capacitor that is designed for example in the form of a plate, and that at least one first plate (40a) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) is embedded in the first area or into the first page (12) and at least one second plate (40b) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) is embedded in the second area or into the second page (16) in such a way that in the first position-(A), the capacitive element (40a, 40b) assumes its full area on the data carrier or document carrier (100), so that access by the base station or central station

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to the data carrier or document carrier (100) is enabled, and in the second position (B), the first plate (40a) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) and the second plate (40b) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) lie above one another such that access by the base station or central station to the data carrier or document carrier (100) is not enabled.

- 3. (Currently Amended) A data carrier or document carrier as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that
- the first plate (40a) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) and the second plate (40b) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) are formed on different areas that are individually connected to one another;
- the first plate (40a) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) and the second plate (40b) of the capacitive element (40a, 40b) have toothing that extends beyond the connection axis, such that the selected electrical connection between the individual part-areas can be used for individual coding.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A base station or central station, in particular a read/write station, for the communication, in particular for the contactless transmission and/or contactless exchange of data and/or of energy, with at least one electrical or electronic data carrier or document carrier (100) as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 3 claim 1.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A base station or central station as claimed in claim 4, wherein the central station has a geometry that is adapted to the geometry of the partareas of the capacitive elements of a data carrier or document carrier as claimed in claim 3, and is informed of the coding through the information contained in the data carrier or document carrier, so that communication can take place only in the event of identical selection of the electrical connections of the individual plate surfaces.
- 6. (Currently Amended) An electrical or electronic communication system, having at least one electrical or electronic data carrier or document carrier (100) as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 3 claim 1, as well as at least one base station or central station, in particular a read/write station, as claimed in claim 3.

7. (Currently Amended) The use of at least one electrical or electronic data carrier or document carrier (100) as claimed in at least one of the claims 1 to 3claim 1 of at least one base station or central station, in particular a read/write station, as elaimed in claim 4 or 5 and/or at least one electrical or electronic communication system as claimed in claim 6 in at least one in particular machine-readable document, in particular a travel document (a so-called M[achine]R[eadable]T[ravel]D[ocument], for example in at least one identity document, such as for example in at least one personal identity card, or in at least one pass document, such as for example in at least one passport, or in at least one visa, such as for example in at least one residence pennit.